

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA), Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law today issued the following statement regarding the decision made by Chairwoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) to hold a hearing to promote the mistaken belief that illegal immigrant farm workers should be given amnesty because Americans will not do that type of labor. Committee Democrats weakened the already dubious premise for this hearing by inviting Comedy Central comedian and television personality Stephen Colbert to serve as an “expert witness” at the hearing. Colbert’s “expertise” on the subjects of agriculture and immigration law consists primarily of his having spent one afternoon on a farm in order to film a brief segment for his nightly show.

**“Amnesty supporters frequently claim that Americans won’t do hard work, a claim which is insulting,” said King. “Maybe amnesty supporters should spend less time watching Comedy Central and more time considering all the real jobs that are out there that require hard labor and don’t involve sitting behind a desk. If they did, they would realize that every day American workers perform the dirtiest, most difficult, most dangerous jobs that can be thrown at them.”**

**“American workers will do any job and outwork anyone else on earth. The reality is employers hire desperate aliens who will work for much less than Americans, driving wages down and making it impossible for American workers to compete. Unless our immigration laws are enforced, American workers and families will continue to be undermined.”**

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